

CONDITION FOR APPROVAL FORM
(TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION)

COMMITTEE: Finance / Executive

DATE: 1/27/2010

ORDINANCE # _____ RESOLUTION # 10-R-0218

REQUESTED BY: H. Shook

DIRECTED TO: M. J. Bond

NATURE OF CONDITION FOR APPROVAL:

Receive Substitute by Monday to fill in
blanks

WHEN IS THIS INFORMATION DUE, AND TO WHOM?

WILL THIS RESULT IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEGISLATION?

YES () NO ()

WILL THIS RESULT IN A SUBSTITUTE TO THE LEGISLATION?

YES () NO ()

HAS THIS INFORMATION BEEN RECEIVED? YES () NO ()

DATE OF RECEIPT: _____

A RESOLUTION

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, H. LAMAR WILLIS, IVORY LEE YOUNG, JR. AND AARON WATSON

AS SUBSTITUTED

BY: FINANCE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2010 CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE SO AS TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S SUPPORT FOR A MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX ("MOST") FOR THE CREATION OF BOTH A PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FUND AND A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, replacing and renovating Atlanta's public infrastructure – including its public safety capital needs – will cost an estimated \$3.1 billion over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, to simply meet the immediate needs of the City's current infrastructure backlog will cost \$750 million; and

WHEREAS, 55% of the City's fleet vehicles and 40% of its facilities are past their effective lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, 47% of the City's streets, some 796 miles, are past their resurfacing lifecycle, while 11% of the City's bridges are functionally obsolete or structurally deficient; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' report "2010 U.S. Metro Economies," metro urban areas "comprise 86% of U.S. employment and 90% of output." ; and

WHEREAS, per capita, Georgia receives only \$22.00 in direct public infrastructure funding from the Federal government, making it 44th in the nation for such funding; and

WHEREAS, as of January 2010, Georgia has been allocated \$_____ in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, of that amount, the City of Atlanta has received \$_____; and

WHEREAS, the City's Quality of Life Bond Program has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City's resident population is now over half a million, while its daytime population exceeds well over one million; and

WHEREAS, the provision of public safety services and the burden placed upon public infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks and bridges by both residents and non-resident severely taxes the City's fiscal well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City requires additional revenues to repair, upgrade, construct or lease its pressing public safety and public infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the revenues from both the public safety and public infrastructure improvement fund would be designated specifically for construction, repairs, special equipment needs and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, the revenues for said fund – collected from within the corporate boundaries of the City, including Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport – would be in the form of a voter referendum for a City of Atlanta Public Safety and Public Infrastructure Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST); and

WHEREAS, enactment and imposition of a MOST would capture revenue from non-residents who use the City's police, fire and emergency and related court services, as well the City's streets, sidewalks, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the MOST referendum would allow City of Atlanta voters to choose the method by which they want to fund necessary and vital public safety and public infrastructure improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES and amends the 2010 City of Atlanta Georgia General Assembly Legislative Package so as to express the City of Atlanta's support for a Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST) for the creation of a Public Safety and Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if so authorized, the City of Atlanta expresses its intent to offer the MOST as a referendum to be placed on the ballot on an appropriate date prior to the 2012 calendar year, where, if successful, all revenues raised from the MOST will be annually reviewed and published on the City's website and in a newspaper of general circulation so as to provide the citizens of Atlanta with a clear record and full disclosure of the allocation and use of all MOST dollars collected.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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WHEREAS, to replace and renovate Atlanta's public infrastructure – including its public safety capital needs – will cost an estimated \$750 million, requiring an average annual investment of \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, large segments of the City's infrastructure are out of their lifecycle, including 55% of fleet vehicles, 40% of facilities and 47% of the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvements Program contains over \$4 million in unfunded Fire and Rescue projects and over \$32 million in unfunded Atlanta Police Departments projects; and

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